

COMMAND INFORMATION

Honor Platoon 2020



Lance Cpl. Brian Kester  
Drill Instructor Sgt. Roy Partin, Senior Drill Instructor Staff Sgt. Joseph Davila and Drill Instructor Sgt. Isaac Fitzgerald led Platoon 2020, Fox Co., 2nd RTBn., to become this week’s Honor Platoon. The platoon achieved an academic average of 99.1, a final drill score of 75 and a physical fitness test average of 237.7. The platoon also qualified 86.5 percent of its recruits on the rifle range.

Coach/PMI of the Week



Cpl. Jennifer Brofer  
Starlite Range Coach Cpl. Jeremy Tallant (above) helped 12 recruits from Platoon 2024, Golf Co., 2nd RTBn., to rifle range qualification, earning him the title Coach of the Week. Tallant coached seven experts, three sharpshooters and two marksmen. Primary Marksmanship Instructor Sgt. Johnny Peoples (not pictured) helped qualify 100 percent of the recruits from Platoon 2028, Golf Co., 2nd RTBn., making him the PMI of the Week. The platoon achieved an average shooting score of 214.8.

Depot Church Schedule

<b>Sunday Services</b>		
Catholic	9:30 a.m.	Depot Chapel
Protestant	11 a.m.	Depot Chapel
Protestant (Gospel)	11 a.m.	RMC
<b>Sunday School/Education</b>		
Catholic	11 a.m.	RMC
Protestant	9:30 a.m.	RMC
<b>Daily Mass</b>		
Mon-Fri. Chapel	11:40 a.m.	Depot
<b>Bible Study</b>		
Wednesday	6 p.m.	RMC

For more information, call 228-3533.

Depot Movie Theater



Peter Pan; PG  
Fri. 7 p.m.



Mona Lisa Smile,  
PG-13  
Fri. 9 p.m.  
Sun. 7 p.m.



Lord of the Rings; PG-13  
Sat. 7 p.m.  
Sun. 2 p.m.

This Week's

Graduation Reviewing Officer

Col. Mark H. Triplett

Reviewing today’s graduation is Col. Mark H. Triplett, Assistant Chief of Staff, Quality Management & Command Inspector. Triplett was born May, 4 1957, in Middletown, Ohio, and graduated from Eastern Kentucky University in 1980. In addition to holding a MBA, Triplett’s formal military education includes Airborne School, Amphibious Warfare School, Marine Corps Command and Staff College, and the Army War College. He was commissioned a second lieutenant in 1980 and designated an artillery officer. While a lieutenant he served in A Battery, 1st Battalion, 12th Marines as a forward observer, fire direction officer, and battery executive officer. As a captain, Triplett was assigned to the U.S. Army Field

Artillery School as a gunnery instructor. He was later assigned to 3rd Battalion, 11th Marines where he was the assistant operations officer/fire direction officer, commanded Battery I, and was the artillery liaison officer/assistant fire support coordinator for Regimental Landing Team 7 during Desert Shield. During Desert Storm he was the fire support coordinator for Joint Forces North. Upon returning from Desert Storm he was assigned to the Tactical Exercise Evaluation Control Group as the assistant fire support coordinator. As a major, Triplett served as the fire support coordinator for the Tactical Exercise Control Group, participating in 29 combined arms exercises. He was then transferred to XVIII Airborne Corps, where he was the targeting officer, fire

support plans officer, and the XVIII Airborne Corps deputy fire support coordinator. As a lieutenant colonel he was assigned as the force fires coordinator for III MEF in Okinawa, Japan. Additionally, he served as the Marines Forces Pacific targeting officer to Korea. He was subsequently assigned as the Joint Branch Head, Doctrine Division, Quantico, Va. In addition, he also served as the Inspector/Instructor, 1st Battalion, 14th Marines, Alameda, Calif. Triplett was promoted to his current rank in November 2002. His personal decorations include: Bronze Star, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal with gold star, Army Commendation Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal, and the Combat Action Ribbon.

Honor Graduates

Congratulations to the following Marines who will graduate with honors today:

Fox Co., 2nd RTBn.

- Private First Class Franklin H. Mershon**, Damascus, Md., Platoon 2016 honor graduate. He was recruited by Sgt. Tim Wiley and trained by Gunnery Sgt. Joseph M. Curran.
- Private First Class Brian S. Soscia**, Cranston, R.I., Company and Platoon 2017 honor graduate. He was recruited by Staff Sgt. John Grainer and trained by Staff Sgt. Wayne A. Nugent.
- Private First Class Michael H. Balch**, New Orleans, Platoon 2018 honor graduate. He was recruited by Staff Sgt. Justin Haggard and trained by Staff Sgt. Justin A. Forbes.
- Private First Class Brian P. Jout** Manchester, Conn., Platoon 2020 honor graduate. He was recruited by Staff Sgt. Clinton B. Stone and trained by Staff Sgt. Joseph L. Davila.
- Private First Class Clayton C. Sturm**, Newark, Ohio, Platoon 2021 honor graduate. He was recruited by Staff Sgt. Justin Clark and trained by Staff Sgt. James M. Knuckles.

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said Lance Cpl. Daniel Schlund, support clerk, Depot Finance. “You won’t have to rely on someone else picking it up for you.”

The individual box system is expected to eradicate a number of unfavorable situations that are common under the old system. “When someone picks up your mail and can’t locate you, a lot of times the mail ends up just lying around,” said Calle. “Sometimes, the mail may not even get to the recipient at all.” Woes will also be eased for those Marines who are concerned with privacy, according to Calle. “A lot of Marines who receive mail through the battalion opt to pay for a box because they’d rather not have others see what mail they have,” he said. “Now,

they can receive this service free.” Another hassle Marines encounter when picking up mail is an excess of unwanted mail. This will be nonexistent with the new system. “Now, we won’t have to worry about getting mail that belongs to people in other sections or people who are not here,” said Schlund, who is responsible for picking up his section’s mail every day. Not only will Marines no longer have to pick up an entire section’s mail or rely on others to pick up their mail, they will no longer be restricted by time constraints. “With the hours that Marines work, it’s more convenient to have your own box,” said Calle. Current pickup hours are especially non-conducive to WFTBn. Marines can take comfort in knowing that they will be able to

pick up mail without leaving the confines of their battalion, as 160 boxes are to be put in place there. For the rest of the single Marines and geographical bachelors, 300 boxes have been added inside the Depot’s Post Office. The boxes will offset battalion’s workload, as the H&SBn. mailroom will cease to exist, and recruit training battalions will only handle recruits’ mail. The military section of the Depot U.S. Post Office will begin assigning boxes Monday, restricting issuance to specific Depot sections each week of March. Marines must come to the office during their section’s designated week to fill out an application, receive box keys and get an explanation of responsibilities. For information about the new post office boxes, call 228-2494.

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HAPPENINGS MCRCS MARINE CORPS Community Services SOUTH CAROLINA For Active Duty Military Families, Retirees & Employees

February 27, 2004 • MCRD Parris Island

Transitioning Service Members  
Military Spouses Veterans  
**You're Invited to Career Day!**  
**Tuesday, March 9**  
**FREE!** 11am-4pm  
Also... Resume Writing Class Mar 4  
Lyceum  
MCRD Parris Island  
Please Call for More Information:  
Kerry Copeland, 228-2761 • Betsy Archer, 228-3377

2004 Youth Baseball & Fast Pitch Softball  
Registration ends today  
For Youth Ages 5-18  
For more information, call:  
MCRD Parris Island Rec Dept at 228-1587



Mar 5: Bosses Night  
Happy hour & hors d'oeuvres 4-6pm

**TODAY • Feb 27**  
**Single Marine Program**  
Snowflake Golf Tournament at  
The Legends at Parris Island  
Golf Course!  
Get More Info, call 525-3302 x7611

NEW Engravable golf umbrellas and Marine Corps and other specialty golf balls. We also have a new shipment of sterling silver jewelry including the new engravable reversible ring. Check out our selection of unique salt and pepper shakers and wine holders.  
Mon, Tue, Wed, Fri & Sat 10am-6pm  
Thu 10am-7pm • Sun 11am-5pm

**Winter Clothing Sale!**  
Get a great deal now.  
**ALL WINTER CLOTHING**  
**15% OFF**  
DURING MARCH!  
At the Pro Shop, The Legends  
at Parris Island Golf Course.  
Mon-Fri 7:30am-5:30pm  
Sat, Sun & Holiday 7am-5:30pm